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REMARKS**Status of claims**

Claims 17, 18, and 22-31 are pending in the above application. Claims 18 and 29-31 stand allowed and Claims 17 and 22-28 stand rejected. Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful consideration of this case, and request reconsideration of the rejected claims in view of the following remarks.

Amendment to the Claims

Claims 17 and 22-28 have been canceled herein. Claims 18 and 29 have been amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been added and Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered as the amendment is merely typographical in nature.

102(e) rejection of claims 17, and 22-28

Claims 17, and 22-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,972,503 ("Woodside").

In order to expedite prosecution of the present applications, Applicants have canceled claims 17 and 22-28 herein.

Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the 35 USC 102(e) rejection of these claims.

Applicants authorize any fees required pertaining to this response be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0568, including any fees for an extension of time.

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